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Whilst wishing the Geneva Conference on Problems of Refugees in Africa every success we hope it will take note of sub-human conditions under which 700,000 Eritrean refugees have been living in Sudan since 1966.

Islamic Council feels that one way of solving world refugee problem would be to appeal to the affluent societies of the world to create a special refugee fund by levying a surcharge of quarter dollar per barrel of oil thus providing the poor and needy with financial assistance from the well-off who can afford to give it.

With best wishes, Salem Azzam, Secretary General, Islamic Council of Europe.

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